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License Renewal, Continuing Education, and Forfeiture

Expiration of Your License

Each California chiropractic license expires annually on the last day of a licensee's birth month, **after which it is a violation to practice in California**. Renewals must be paid **prior** to license expiration in order to avoid license forfeiture and possible illegal practice. Although a forfeiture fee of \$150 is added to renewals postmarked 60 days after the expiration date, this 60-day window is **not** a grace period for license renewal. A chiropractor may not legally practice after the last day of his or her birth month unless the license has been renewed as active. **IT IS A VIOLATION OF LAW TO PRACTICE WITH AN EXPIRED LICENSE.**

Continuing Education

The law requires each practicing doctor of chiropractic complete twelve (12) hours of Board-approved continuing education (CE) course work in order to qualify for active license renewal. The 12 hours of CE must include 4 hours in technique and must be completed **prior** to license expiration. There is an exemption to this requirement for first year licensees; no continuing education is required. Check section J on the application for license renewal. **THERE IS NO GRACE PERIOD FOR CE COURSE COMPLETION.**

The Board randomly audits licensees for compliance with the CE requirement. Failure to have the proper CE will result in issuance of a citation.

Licensees that have renewed annually as **inactive** and want to return their license to **active** status must complete 12 hours of Board-approved CE for each 12-month period or portion thereof the license was inactive. Additionally, the CE must be taken prior to the request for activation, and must be submitted to the Board with a check or money order in the amount of \$25.00, along with the original **inactive** wall certificate and pocket license.

If a licensee was practicing in another state during the period that the license in California was inactive, proof of licensure in the other state and CE from that state for each 12-month period the license was inactive in California will fulfill the CE requirement.

Forfeiture

Chiropractors not practicing in California may elect to forfeit their license by not paying the required renewal fee. Section 12 of the Chiropractic Initiative Act provides for the restoration of a forfeited license within 3 years from the expiration date. To restore a forfeited license, a restoration application must be completed and payment of **twice** the annual renewal fee plus verification of completion of 12 hours of Board-approved CE taken **within** 12 months immediately prior to restoration. **IT IS A VIOLATION OF LAW TO PRACTICE WITH A FORFEITED LICENSE.**

Questions regarding license renewal, forfeiture and continuing education requirements should be directed to the Board at (916) 263-5355.